



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
7TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
March 30, 2006
2:00 P.M.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. Committee Chair Mr. Eric Reed present and presiding and the following committee members answered roll call:

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| Eric Reed, Chairperson | Susan Leech |
| Olivia Chavez | Fred Grommand |
| Enriqueta Natividad | Elaine Hengen |
| Sergio Reyes | William Bennett |

The following visitors were present:
None

The following members were not present:

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| Arne Schonberger | Willie Padilla |
| Martin Wagner | James Peterson |
| Jim Fraser | |

AGENDA

I. WELCOME / ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 23, 2006.

III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- A. Audible Traffic Control Devices (update).
- B. Sensitivity Training for Council Members.
- C. Establish an Accessibility Construction Taskforce.
- D. Zoo Expansion Progress and Installations.
- E. Subcommittee reports for Goals and Objectives.
- F. Formal complaints regarding ADA/Accessibility Compliance.
- G. Plan Reviews.
 - a. Public Access Facilities.
 - b. Municipal Projects.
- H. Next Meeting Agenda, Date and Location. (4-27-2006)

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. ADJOURNMENT

Item 1: Welcome/ Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2006.

Comments were made by Eric Reed about the recording of Minutes.

Motion was made by Olivia Chavez and seconded by Susan Leech and unanimously approved to accept the minutes.

AYES: Eric Reed, Olivia Chavez, Susan Leech, Fred Gromand, Enriqueta Natividad

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Item 3. Discussion and Action

A. Audible Traffic Control Devices

Comments were made by Eric Reed, Sergio Reyes, Olivia Chavez, Fred Gromand, Enriqueta Natividad, and William Bennett.

No action was taken.

B. Sensitivity Training for Council Members.

Comments were made by Eric Reed and Enriqueta Natividad.

No action was taken.

C. Establish and Accessibility Construction Taskforce.

Comments were made by Eric Reed and Enriqueta Natividad.

No action was taken on the item and it will be removed from the agenda.

D. Zoo Expansion Progress and Installations.

Comments were made by William Bennett.

The item will be carried over to next meeting.

E. Subcommittee Reports for Goals and Objectives.

Comments were made by William Bennett, Eric Reed, Fred Gromand, Enriqueta Natividad, Elaine Hengen, and Susan Leech.

No action was taken.

F. Formal Complaints regarding ADA/Accessibility Compliance.

No formal complaints were received.

G. Plan Reviews

a. Public Access Facilities.

None.

b. Municipal Projects

The San Juan Senior Center was presented to the committee.

Comments were made by Eric Reed, Elaine Hengen, and William Bennett.

No Action Taken.

H. Next Meeting Agenda, Date, and Location (4/27/2006.)

Comments were made by Olivia Chavez, Eric Reed, and William Bennett.

The next meeting will be on April 27, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. floor to be announced.

Item 4. Announcements

The department is trying to get a clerk from the Rio Grande Work Force for the Office of Accessibility.

Item 5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Enriqueta Natividad, seconded by Olivia Chavez and unanimously approved to adjourn at 3:55 p.m..

AYES: Eric Reed, Olivia Chavez, Susan Leech, Fred Gromand, and Enriqueta Natividad.

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Approved as to form:

William Bennett, Accessibility Coordinator



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Item 1: Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Item 2: Eric Reed discussed the standard format for recording the minutes. The minutes are very plain. If there is a particular issue to be put into the minutes, then committee member will need to request that the details be put in the minutes. If the committee member doesn't know what is going on with an item, the committee member will not be able to determine because there is no "meat" provided. The minutes will have items like "The zoo was discussed, no action was taken." Or it will have who votes for an item and against an item and who abstained if action is taken. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes.

Item 3. Discussion and Action

A. Audible Traffic Control Devices (update.)

The ribbon cutting was held yesterday (3/29/2006) at the El Paso Light House on Washington and Paisano. It was very successful. The Mayor was there and endorsed the project. Olivia Chavez was present. Sergio did a very good job explaining to the press. The media provided good coverage of the event. It was discussed about expanding the program to school zones. The progress being made on installation of the remaining signals was presented. All of the intersections are complete with the exception of Dyer and Hondo Pass and it will be completed by Monday (4/3/2006.) The full amount of the funding will be drawn down by March 31, 2006. There will be 4 intersections that will not be done until CDB III is completed. TxDot has been notified about 3 other intersections. McRae and Wedgewood is being looked at because they will install the units. McRae and Montwood where Eastwood High School is located would be a better intersection for installation of audible signals. The intersection will be put on the list. It was also discussed finding another funding source for installation of other intersections.

B. Sensitivity Training for the Mayor and Council.

Because of problems that Eric Reed has been having and because he is the lead trainer the training was canceled last Thursday. It will be rescheduled when Eric Reed is better. A second lead trainer is being trained, so that if Eric is unable to do the training it will occur anyway.

C. Establish an Accessibility Construction Taskforce.

The language is not accurate on this item. It is not really a taskforce, it is for the committee to look at Accessibility on construction projects. Bill will start bringing plans to us to look at. Eric Reed spoke to the director of the department, Jeff Belles, and he is in favor as long as we do not cause delays in the progress. Bill will explain the plans to us and an ex-officio will also be present from the Developmental Department. The item will be removed from the agenda.

D. Zoo Expansion Progress and Installations.

Scott Gilliland was unable to attend because the Zoo was having individuals come in the afternoon. The item will be carried over to next meeting.

E. Subcommittee reports for Goals and Objectives.

The sidewalk ordinance is being modified. The information is on the City's web page. The information will be sent to the committee members.

Eric Reed talked with the emergency planning that we are working on a taxi ordinance. The taxi companies started double billing and billing for waiting. What is being asked is that a clause be written into the ordinance or contract with the companies to account for emergency situations along with the accessibility issues. A volunteer data base is looking at being set up so that the needs of an individual at a particular location are known. A summit meeting between the disabled community and emergency responders is going to be held in May. Elaine Hengen brought up that 911 can compile the information, but it may be subject to open records. Another thing about the emergency planning is to consider the possibility of a pandemic. Another issue is how to get the word out to individuals with disabilities. Some of the things necessary to have if there is a pandemic, would be to have 30 days of food, 90 days of drug supply, and about 10 other things. Part of the project will include GIS mapping of the districts where individuals with disabilities live.

Visitability Ordinance is still being worked on. There will be Fair Housing Summit next month on April 28th, 2006, that will deal with disability and elderly needs. The target audience is builders, realtors, building owners, tenants, etc.

F. Formal complaints regarding ADA/Accessibility Compliance.

No formal complaints were received. Angelina Serna fell out of her chair on Zaragosa. William Bennett tried to return her call, but apparently has the wrong number. Enriqueta Natividad will get the correct number.

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Prospective P+3 is a company that is doing a lot of project design and management for the City. They have apparently made some errors in the past and we would like to have a report from them on the city projects. It was suggested that the sites be inspected and problems be brought before the Capital Improvements Projects committee. The building inspectors are the only ones that are doing the inspections. William Bennett will get with Jeff and find out where the problems

were found with P+3. It is easier to get the problems solved before the project is complete.

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